

Exhibit A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION

DAVID BRIDGE,

Plaintiff,

v.

WOPAC CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Defendant.

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Case No. 4:23-cv-547-KPJ-ALM

**PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER DEADLINES**

The following actions shall be completed by the dates indicated.<sup>1</sup> (The times indicated are the standard for most cases. Counsel should be prepared to explain the need for requested changes).

<u>12/20/23</u> 1 week after mgmt. conf.	Deadline for motions to transfer.
<u>1/24/24</u> 6 weeks after mgmt. conf.	Deadline to add parties.
<u>2/21/24</u> 10 weeks after mgmt. conf.	Disclosure of expert testimony pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(2) and Local Rule CV-26(b) on issues for which the party bears the burden of proof.
<u>3/6/24</u> 12 weeks after mgmt. conf.	Deadline for Plaintiff to file amended pleading. (A motion for leave to amend is required.)
<u>3/20/24</u> 14 weeks after mgmt. conf.	Disclosure of expert testimony pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(2) and Local Rule CV-26(b) on issues for which the party does not bear the burden of proof.
<u>3/20/24</u> 14 weeks after mgmt. conf.	Deadline for Defendant's final amended pleadings. (A motion for leave to amend is required.)

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<sup>1</sup> If a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in FED. R. CIV. P. 6, the effective date is the first federal court business day following the deadline imposed.

4/3/24  
16 weeks after mgmt. conf.

Deadline to object to expert testimony on issues for which the party seeking to introduce that testimony bears the burden of proof. Objection shall be made as a motion to strike or limit expert testimony and shall be accompanied by a copy of the expert's report in order to provide the Court with all the information necessary to make a ruling on any objection.

4/17/24  
18 weeks after mgmt. conf.

Deadline to object to expert testimony on issues for which the party seeking to introduce that testimony does not bear the burden of proof. Objection shall be made as a motion to strike or limit expert testimony and shall be accompanied by a copy of the expert's report in order to provide the Court with all the information necessary to make a ruling on any objection

5/15/24  
22 weeks after mgmt. conf.

Deadline by which the parties shall notify the Court of the name, address, and telephone number of the agreedupon mediator, or request that the Court select a mediator, if they are unable to agree on one.

5/29/24  
24 weeks after mgmt. conf.

All discovery shall be commenced in time to be completed by this date.

6/19/24  
27 weeks after mgmt. conf. **but  
no later than 110 days prior  
to deadline for submission of  
Joint Final  
Pretrial Order**

Deadline for motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, or other dispositive motions.

6/26/24  
28 weeks after mgmt. conf.

Mediation must occur by this date.

10/24/24  
6 weeks before final pretrial  
conf.

Notice of intent to offer certified records.

10/24/24  
6 weeks before final pretrial  
conf.

Counsel and unrepresented parties are each responsible for contacting opposing counsel and unrepresented parties to determine how they will prepare the Joint Final Pretrial Order and Joint Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form (or Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in non-jury cases).

10/31/24  
5 weeks before final pretrial  
conf.

Video Deposition Designation due. Each party who proposes to offer a deposition by video shall serve on all other parties a disclosure identifying the line and page numbers to be offered. All other parties will have seven calendar days to serve a response with any objections and requesting cross examination line and page numbers to be included. Counsel must consult on any objections and only those which cannot be resolved shall be presented to the Court. The party who filed the initial Video Deposition Designation is responsible for preparation of the final edited video in accordance with all parties' designations and the Court's rulings on objections.

11/7/24  
30 days before final pretrial  
conf.

Motions in limine due.  
Final Joint Final Pretrial Order due.  
*See* <http://www.txed.uscourts.gov/?q=forms/misc> Exhibit and Witness Lists due.

11/21/24  
2 weeks before final pretrial  
conf.

Response to motions in limine due.<sup>2</sup>

File objections to witnesses, deposition extracts, and exhibits, listed in pre-trial order.<sup>3</sup> (This does not extend deadline to object to expert witnesses.)

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<sup>2</sup> This is not an invitation or requirement to file written responses. Most motions in limine can be decided without a written response. However, if there is a particularly difficult or novel issue, the Court needs some time to review the matter. To save time and space, respond only to items objected to. All others will be considered to be agreed. Opposing counsel **shall confer** in an attempt to resolve any dispute over the motions in limine within five calendar days of the filing of any response. The parties shall notify the Court of all the issues which are resolved.

<sup>3</sup> Within five calendar days after the filing of any objections, opposing counsel **shall confer** to determine whether objections can be resolved without a court ruling. The parties shall notify the Court of all issues which are resolved. The Court needs a copy of the exhibit or the pertinent deposition pages to rule on the objection.

File Proposed Jury Instructions/Form of Verdict (or Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law).

Date will be set by Court.  
Usually within 10 days prior  
to final pretrial conf.

If numerous objections are filed, the Court may set a hearing to consider all pending motions and objections.

December 5, 2024

Final Pretrial Conference at 9:00 a.m. at the Paul Brown United States Courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas. Date parties should be prepared to try case. All cases on the Court's Final Pretrial Conference docket for this day have been set at 9:00 a.m. However, prior to the Final Pretrial Conference date, the Court will set a specific time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for each case, depending on which cases remain on the Court's docket.

To be determined

10:00 a.m. Jury selection and trial (or bench trial) at The Paul Brown United States Courthouse located at 101 E. Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas. Cases that remain for trial following the Court's Pretrial docket will be tried between **January 6, 2025 and January 31, 2025**. A specific trial date in this time frame will be selected at the Final Pretrial Conference.